

Barker 201

21 August 1973

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Bernard L. BARKER

1. Barker was born in Havana, Cuba on 17 March 1917 of a native-born U.S. father and a Cuban mother. His birth was recorded at the U.S. Embassy and he was recognized as having acquired U.S. citizenship by birth through the citizenship of his father. He traveled, not on a U.S. passport, but on an identity card proclaiming his U.S. citizenship. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, was shot down on his 12th mission over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 16 months. He was honorably separated with the rank of Captain. In 1950, along with several Cuban-born U.S. citizens who were war veterans, he entered the Cuban police force, where his bilingual abilities soon brought him advancement.

2. Barker's relationship with CIA began in mid-1959 in Havana as the result of his position with the Cuban police force, in which capacity he was detailed to liaison duty with U.S. agencies in Havana. He was used by CIA in Havana as a source of political information and recruited a number of valuable agents for the CIA office in Havana. For personal security reasons he was expeditiously evacuated from Cuba and arrived in the Miami area in January 1960. As a result of his excellent record with CIA in Havana and favorable assessment by a senior CIA official in Miami in January 1960, Barker was hired under a contractual relationship with the CIA Miami office effective 4 April 1960 at the rate of \$300 dollars a month for full-time service, in the capacity of a local Miami representative of a group working with numerous anti-Castro contacts at all levels under the direction of a senior CIA officer. He also reported on persons alleged to be Castro agents in the U.S.

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3. On the basis of his successful performance, Barker's contract was amended effective 1 September 1960 to \$400 a month. In view of continued success in this capacity his contract was again amended effective 1 November 1960 to \$500 a month.

4. Barker frequently conducted investigations which resulted in valuable operational information for the CIA. Having a flair for intensive debriefing of operational prospects, Barker debriefed Cuban refugees of interest to CIA. To assist Barker in his activities, he was given a five week full-time tradecraft training course in 1964.

5. Barker's contract at \$500 a month was renewed yearly until his termination effective 31 July 1966 which was amicable and resulted from the change in times and the resulting change in CIA activities in which Barker did not fit because of his previously widely known association with the Agency. Because of Barker's loyal and productive service during his six years' contractual association with the Agency, his contract was further amended to include payment of a one-time termination bonus of \$1,500. The Agency also assisted Barker in getting a job in private industry. Barker left the Miami area on 18 August 1966 to undergo a four week training period for a supervisory position in which he was to work in a liaison capacity between management and the company's Cuban work force at a salary of \$180 per week (60 hour week) plus expenses. At the time of his CIA termination, Barker wanted it to be made a matter of record that he would drop everything and rejoin CIA at a moment's notice in any capacity or salary level, if his services should ever be required again. As required of persons under a contractual relationship with CIA, Barker signed a Termination Secrecy Oath on 12 August 1966, thus prohibiting him from divulging any matters relating to his association with the Agency.

6. While under CIA contract, Barker was a loyal and dedicated employee who responded without hesitation to various requirements placed upon him. He was totally committed to Agency objectives and provided CIA with valuable information during his contract tenure.

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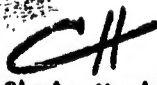
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation 21 June 27 with Dave Morales re
AMCLATTER-1

1. Dave said that (Jack Stewart)⁰³, now retired, recruited A-1 in Havana in 1959, as a support agent. A-1 provided Havana Station information on the police and political matters. He was also used to transport our agents to the harbor(s) for exfiltration. The Agency exfiltrated A-1 to Tampa in 1959, and put him in touch with the FRD in Miami. He had a job in the FRD recruiting candidates for the invasion. He worked with CARDONA on propaganda. Howard Hunt became A-1's case officer on CA matters at JMWAVE Station.

2. Dave said we can be sure A-1 tells the authorities everything he knows. He tells all to everyone. Because he was such a loudmouth Dave recommended in 1962 that he be terminated. According to Dave the AMOTS have a lot of info on A-1.


Chris Hopkins
WH/COO/OS

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Barker recruited *Agent crypt* therefore leaves his Agency
association. *Agent crypt*

DECA-12002, 10 Jan 64 - ANCLATER-1 Vol 2

Barker's name appeared on a list made up of CIS agents in
the Miami area. JMWAVE FI Branch received from AMKIAN-2 during
23 Aug - 12 Dec 63 a series of reports containing names and addresses
of persons appearing on cable censorship list maintained by the CIS
in Havana. For this reason Barker was under suspicion by JMWAVE
as a possible CIS agent.

True name
AMKIAN-2 *True name* in 1963
was an ops tech for Western Union in Cuba. Was granted OA Sept 69 and
according Cuba Desk op card #111 an asset, will have to check ZUL to
find out what he is doing. He was an FI source in Cuba to communicate
with *another source*

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Following is a chronology of Bernard L. BARKER'S association with the Agency:

- 16 April 1959 - Granted a Provisional Operational Approval for use as source of information on Communist penetration and control in the Cuban Government and Military Forces in Havana.
- 18 January 1960 - Exfiltrated from Havana via air for personal security reasons.
- 8 March 1960 - Went to Nassau about 8 March 1960 to get his papers in order in view of fact he was stateless. (BARKER was a U.S. citizen by birth but lost his citizenship when he accepted employment by the Cuban police.) BARKER was still anxious to work for the Agency. Based on past excellent record BARKER was told that consideration would be given to finding him employment on his return from Nassau.
- 4 April 1960 - Became a full time contract agent as local representative of a cover group working with numerous contacts at all levels in a psychological warfare action project, against Castro's Cuba, under direction of a senior case officer. BARKER had a Memorandum of Oral Commitment (MOO) @ \$300. dollars a month.
- 9 May 1960 - Granted a Covert Security Approval (CSA) for use as an independent contract agent for political action operations.

1 September 1960 - Contract was amended to increase pay to \$400 dollars a month.

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4 April 1961 - Contract was extended for 1 year.

20 June 1961 - Howard Hunt said BARKER advised him of the presence in Miami of a man representing a high-ranking Castro officer who had proposed to rescue a group of prisoners and deliver them to an embassy at price of \$40,000 a head. Hunt said BARKER contacted him as a last resort since BARKER no longer had a case officer but was being handled administratively by an Agency staff employee. Hunt remarked that in view of BARKER's past service and continued potential it was his personal view that BARKER should be used and he (Hunt) was going to suggest that the Agency Psychological Warfare people pick him up.

4 August 1961 - Howard Hunt, et al, conferred with officers of the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) concerning restoration of BARKER's U.S. citizenship. It was recommended that the OGC proceed with an investigation of the possibility of introducing a new House Resolution to regain citizenship for BARKER.

25 August 1961 - An Agency officer met BARKER in Miami on 24 August concerning a request for any documents BARKER possessed to be used for possible restoration of his U.S. citizenship. BARKER said he had received no prior notice of loss of U.S. citizenship which he should have received according to Section 9 of the Nationality Act.

8 September 1961 - Miami Station advised that BARKER drove his privately owned vehicle, during July 1961, from Miami to Washington, D.C., and

return, allegedly on official business authorized by Hunt.

21 September 1961 - Hunt, in capacity as BARKER's supervisor, requested an increase in BARKER's salary from \$400 to \$500 per month.

22 September 1961 - It was requested that BARKER's contract be amended retroactive to 1 November 1960 to reflect the new rate of \$500 per month.

9 October 1961 - Headquarters was provided a copy of BARKER's signed contract.

26 October 1961 - An Agency officer met with Dr. Cardona at the latter's request. Dr. Cardona discussed the good old days of Eduardo Hamilton (Hunt) and reminisced over the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

4 April 1962 - BARKER's contract was amended for 1 year.

4 April 1963 - BARKER's contract was amended for 1 year.

21 August 1963 - Howard Hunt requested reimbursement of \$500 from his advance account which had never been settled. This was result, he claimed, of a receipt for \$500 signed by BARKER which the Agency finance officer had previously neglected to turn in to be credited against Hunt's account.

17 March 1964 - The audit staff advised it could not locate a copy of Hunt's advance account pertaining to the 21 August matter.

4 April 1964 - BARKER's contract was extended for 1 year.

10 April 1964 - BARKER was polygraphed in English in the Miami area to resolve an issue concerning his possible connection with the CIA, as the result of his name having been on a CIA list. The result of test were negative.

20 July -
21 August 1964 - Received covert training in operational tradecraft in New York.

24 July 1964 - The Agency Miami office requested Headquarters to investigate the status of

BARKER's citizenship, to take remedial steps, and to advise. Dispatch mentions BARKER statement that a Webster (fnu), vice-consul of the U.S. Embassy in Havana, had crossed swords with Howard Hunt at one time over a friend of BARKER's who was refused a U.S. visa. BARKER said Webster was later fired for being involved in a visa selling racket.

18 February 1965 - BARKER was introduced to an Agency contact who would be in daily touch with him by phone or personal meetings. During February 1965 BARKER was transferred from the Psychological Warfare Branch (PW) to the Counter Intelligence (CI) Branch for future handling. BARKER's files were turned over to CI on 27 January 1965, and BARKER was met by an Agency case officer once a week, in addition to meetings with the aforementioned contact.

4 April 1965 - BARKER's contract was extended for 1 year.

19 April 1965 - BARKER reported that he had received 4 phone calls that day from a person identifying himself as Jerry WALKER, who threatened to kill BARKER and his wife.

11 January 1966 - BARKER, during Oct-Dec 1965, continued to serve as contact point for matters pertaining to Cuban exile activities and related affairs of possible CI interest. BARKER had a large number of contacts within the Cuban exile community.

18 August 1966 - BARKER was amicably terminated on 31 July 1966, per word received 18 August. He offered to work for the Agency at any time at a moment's notice.

18 August 1966 - BARKER signed a general release.

18 August 1966 - BARKER signed a Termination Secrecy Oath.

- 13 August 1966 - BARKER departed the Miami area for Chicago where he was to undergo a four week training period with the Rauland Corporation, subsidiary of Zenith Radio Corp. (BARKER's contract was not renewed in April 1966 because plans were underway at that time to terminate him.)
- 19 August 1966 - C/WHd requested Contract Personnel Division to extend BARKER's contract as an independent contractor through 31 July 1966 with terminal payment of \$1,657. (\$1,500 in recognition of loyal service, and \$157. cost of round trip air fare between Miami and Chicago.)
- 21 June 1972 - Memorandum for the Record stating that Howard Hunt became BARKER's case officer on Covert Action matters at Miami Station, when BARKER came to the U.S. in 1959.

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Barker (AMCLATTER-1)

Barker recruited AMCLATTER-5, therefore knows his Agency association. A-5 is Alberto de Jesus ALBERTY Garcia (201-262136)

UFGA-12869, 10 Jan 64 - AMCLATTER-1 Vol 2

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AMKHAN-2 (201-725267) Carlos Martin AHRENS Temple, in 1963 was an ops tech for Western Union in Cuba. Was granted OA Sept 69 and according Cuba Desk op card still an asset, will have to check 201 to find out what he is doing. He was an FI source in Cuba to communicate with Benjamin Dalton WINGATE Jr. (201-725262).

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